4.14 Acceptance of Performance Standards

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(n) AEMO must establish and maintain a register of the performance standards applicable to plant as advised by Registered Participants in accordance with clause 5.3.7(g)(1), clause 5.3.9(h) or established in accordance with rule 4.14.

(n1) By 1 July each year, AEMO must provide to the AER an up-to-date copy of the register of performance standards required to be maintained under clause 4.14(n), including a copy of the corresponding performance standards.

(n2) The AER may, at any time, request AEMO to provide:

(1) an up-to-date copy of the register of performance standards (current as at the date of the AER’s request) including a copy of the corresponding performance standards; or

(2) a copy of the performance standards relating to specified plant.

if, in the reasonable opinion of the AER, it is required for the performance or exercise of the AER’s functions.

(n3) Following a request under subparagraph (n2), AEMO must provide the information requested within:

(1) 10 business days for a request under subparagraph (n2)(1); and

(2) 5 business days for a request under subparagraph (n2)(2),

unless the AER agrees otherwise.

(o) AEMO or, in respect of a matter concerning the quality of supply to Network Users, AEMO in consultation with the relevant Network Service Provider, must, when determining the applicable performance standard for a particular requirement based on any provision of schedules 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.3a, require a Registered Participant to meet or exceed the minimum access...
standard but must not require the Registered Participant to exceed the relevant automatic access standard for that requirement.

(p) A performance standard may be amended at any time by agreement between AEMO, the relevant Registered Participant and the Network Service Provider if:

(1) where the performance standard was established under a transitional arrangement in rule 4.16 or 4.17, the amendment is consistent with the actual plant capability agreed between AEMO, the relevant Registered Participant and the Network Service Provider, even if it is less than the relevant minimum access standard that applied to applications to connect at the time of agreement; or

(2) the amendment satisfies all requirements for negotiated access standards under clause 5.3.4A(b); or

(3) the amendment satisfies all requirements to be an automatic access standard.

(q) AEMO must not withhold agreement under rule 4.14(p) on a matter that is not an AEMO advisory matter under clause 5.3.4A(a), unless the proposed amendment would adversely affect power system security.

(r) The Network Service Provider may as a condition of considering an amendment proposed under rule 4.14(p) require payment of a fee to meet the reasonable costs anticipated to be incurred by the Network Service Provider, other Network Service Providers and AEMO, in the assessment of the proposed amendment.

(s) The Network Service Provider must require payment of a fee under rule 4.14(r) if so requested by AEMO.

(t) On payment of the required fee referred to in rule 4.14(r), the Network Service Provider must pay the costs anticipated to be incurred by the other Network Service Providers and AEMO, as appropriate.

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- National Electricity Amendment (Transmission connection and planning arrangements) Rule 2017 No. 4
- National Electricity Amendment (Managing the rate of change of power system frequency) Rule No. 9
- National Electricity Amendment (Managing power system fault levels) Rule 2017 No. 10
- National Electricity Amendment (Generating system model guidelines) Rule 2017 No. 11

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5. Network Connection, Planning and Expansion

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5.1A.2 Principles

This Part B is based on the following principles relating to connection to the national grid:

(a) all Registered Participants should have the opportunity to form a connection to a network and have access to the network services provided by the networks forming part of the national grid;

(b) the terms and conditions on which connection to a network and provision of network service is to be granted are to be set out in commercial agreements on reasonable terms entered into between a Network Service Provider and other Registered Participants;

(c) the technical terms and conditions of connection agreements regarding standards of performance must be established at levels at or above the minimum access standards set out in schedules 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.3a, with the objective of ensuring that the power system operates securely and reliably and in accordance with the system standards set out in schedule 5.1a;

(d) a Registered Participant or person intending to become a Registered Participant may request connection of a facility, modification of a connection, or alteration of connected plant at a standard below an automatic access standard if the connection, modification to the connection, or alteration of connected plant does not adversely affect:

(1) power system security; and

(2) the quality of supply to other Network Users; and [Deleted]

(e) the operation of the Rules should result in the achievement of:

(1) long term benefits to Registered Participants in terms of cost and reliability of the national grid; and

(2) open communication and information flows relating to connections between Registered Participants themselves, and between Registered Participants and AEMO, while ensuring the security of confidential information belonging to competitors in the market.

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5.2.6 Obligations of AEMO

(a) AEMO must provide to Network Service Providers on request, a copy of any report provided to AEMO by a Network Service Provider under clause 5.2.3(d)(12). If a Registered Participant reasonably considers that it is or may be adversely affected by a development or change in another region, the Registered Participant may request the preparation of a report by the relevant Network Service Provider as to the technical impacts of the
development or change. If so requested, the Network Service Provider must prepare such a report and provide a copy of it to AEMO, the Registered Participant requesting the report and, on request, any other Registered Participant.

5.2.6A AEMO review of technical requirements for connection

(a) AEMO must conduct a review of some or all of the technical requirements set out in Schedule 5.2, Schedule 5.3 and Schedule 5.3a at least once in every five year period (and may conduct a review more frequently if AEMO considers necessary) to assess whether those requirements should be amended, having regard to:

(1) the national electricity objective;
(2) the need to achieve and maintain power system security;
(3) changes in power system conditions; and
(4) changes in technology and capabilities of facilities and plant.

(b) When conducting a review under this clause 5.2.6A, AEMO must consult with, among other affected parties, the Reliability Panel.

(c) AEMO must commence a review under this clause 5.2.6A with the publication of an approach paper on its website, which must:

(1) set out the scope of the review, including the nature and extent of the issues to be reviewed;
(2) describe the technical requirements to be consulted on; and
(3) state the date by which a draft report will be published.

(d) AEMO must publish a draft report on its website that:

(1) sets out AEMO’s recommendations for any amendments to the technical requirements set out in Schedule 5.2, Schedule 5.3 and Schedule 5.3a and the reasons for those recommendations; and
(2) includes an invitation for written submissions to be made to AEMO within a period specified in the invitation (which must be at least 30 business days) on the technical requirements and recommendations in the draft report and must publish any submissions on its website, subject to obligations in respect of confidential information.

(e) AEMO must publish a final report on its website within 12 months of the approach paper’s publication under paragraph (c), setting out AEMO’s recommendations for any amendments to the technical requirements set out in Schedule 5.2, Schedule 5.3 and Schedule 5.3a, having regard to the matters set out in subparagraphs (a)(1) to (4) and any submissions made in response to its invitation under subparagraph (d)(2).

(f) As soon as practicable following publication of a final report under paragraph (e), AEMO must provide written notification to the AEMC as to whether AEMO will be submitting a Rule change proposal that results from the review.
5.3.4A Negotiated access standards

(a) [Deleted] AEMO must advise on AEMO advisory matters.

(b) A negotiated access standard must:

(1) subject to subparagraph (1A), be no less onerous than the corresponding minimum access standard provided by the Network Service Provider under clauses 5.3.3(b1)(4) or S5.4B(b)(2)S5.4B(e);

(1A) with respect to a submission by a Generator under clause 5.3.9(b)(3), be no less onerous than the performance standard that corresponds to the technical requirement that is affected by the alteration to the generating system;

(2) be set at a level that will not adversely affect power system security;

(3) be set at a level that will not adversely affect the quality of supply for other Network Users; and

(4) in respect of generating plant, meet the requirements applicable to a negotiated access standard in Schedule 5.2 clauses S5.2.5, S5.2.6, S5.2.7 and S5.2.8.

(b1) When submitting a proposal for a negotiated access standard under clauses 5.3.4(e), 5.3A.9(f), 5.3.9(b)(3) or subparagraph (h)(3), and where there is a corresponding automatic access standard for the relevant technical requirement, a Connection Applicant must propose a standard that is as close as practicable to the corresponding automatic access standard, having regard to:

(1) the need to protect the plant from damage;

(2) power system conditions at the location of the proposed connection; and

(3) the commercial and technical feasibility of complying with the automatic access standard with respect to the relevant technical requirement.

(b2) When proposing a negotiated access standard under paragraph (b1), the Connection Applicant must provide reasons and evidence to the Network Service Provider and AEMO as to why, in the reasonable opinion of the Connection Applicant, the proposed negotiated access standard is appropriate, including:

(1) how the Connection Applicant has taken into account the matters outlined in subparagraphs (b1)(1) to (3); and

(2) how the proposed negotiated access standard meets the requirements of paragraph (b).

(c) Following the receipt of a proposed negotiated access standard under clauses 5.3.4(e), clause 5.3A.9(f), 5.3.9(b)(3) or subparagraph (h)(3), the Network Service Provider must consult with AEMO as soon as practicable in relation to AEMO advisory matters for that proposed standard.
Note

This clause is classified as a civil penalty provision under the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations. (See clause 6(1) and Schedule 1 of the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations.)

(d) **AEMO** must within 20 business days following the later of:

1. receipt of a proposed *negotiated access standard* under clauses 5.3.4(e), clause 5.3A.9(f), 5.3.9(b)(3) or subparagraph (h)(3); and
2. receipt of all information required to be provided by the *Connection Applicant* under clauses 5.2.4, clause 5.5.6, clause 5.3.1(a1) or S5.3a.1(a1) (as applicable).

**AEMO** must advise the *Network Service Provider* in writing, in respect of **AEMO advisory matters**, whether the proposed *negotiated access standard* should be accepted or rejected.

(d1) When advising the *Network Service Provider* under paragraph (d) to reject a proposed *negotiated access standard*, and subject to obligations in respect of confidential information, **AEMO** must:

1. provide detailed reasons in writing for the rejection to the *Network Service Provider*, including:
   1. where the basis of **AEMO**’s advice is lack of evidence from the *Connection Applicant*, details of the additional evidence of the type referred to in paragraph (b2) **AEMO** requires to continue assessing the proposed *negotiated access standard*; and
   2. the extent to which each of the matters identified at subparagraphs (b)(1), (b)(1A), (b)(2) and (b)(4) contributed to **AEMO**’s decision to reject the proposed *negotiated access standard*; and
2. recommend a *negotiated access standard* that **AEMO** considers meets the requirements of subparagraphs (b)(1), (b)(1A), (b)(2) and (b)(4).

respond to the *Network Service Provider* in writing in respect of any AEMO advisory matters.

(e) A *Network Service Provider* must within 30 business days following the later of:

1. receipt of a proposed *negotiated access standard* in accordance with clauses 5.3.4(e), clause 5.3A.9(f), 5.3.9(b)(3) or subparagraph (h)(3); and
2. receipt of all information required to be provided by the *Connection Applicant* under clauses 5.2.4, clause 5.5.6, clause 5.3.1(a1) or S5.3a.1(a1) (as applicable).

the *Network Service Provider must* accept or reject a proposed *negotiated access standard*. 
Note
This clause is classified as a civil penalty provision under the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations. (See clause 6(1) and Schedule 1 of the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations.)

(f) The Network Service Provider must reject the proposed negotiated access standard where:

1. in the Network Service Provider’s reasonable opinion, one or more of the requirements at subparagraphs (b)(1), (b)(1A), (b)(3) and (b)(4) are not met; or

2. AEMO has advised the Network Service Provider under paragraph (d) to reject the proposed negotiated access standard.

if that connection, or alteration of the generating plant (as the case may be), at the negotiated access standard proposed by the Connection Applicant would:

1. on AEMO’s reasonable advice, adversely affect power system security;

2. in the Network Service Provider’s reasonable opinion, adversely affect quality of supply for other Network Users;

3. in the reasonable opinion of AEMO or the Network Service Provider, in respect of a AEMO advisory matter or a matter allocated to the Network Service Provider, respectively, be lower than the corresponding minimum access standard; or

4. in respect of generating plant, in AEMO’s reasonable opinion, not satisfy paragraph (b)(4).

Note
This clause is classified as a civil penalty provision under the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations. (See clause 6(1) and Schedule 1 of the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations.)

(g) If a Network Service Provider rejects a proposed negotiated access standard, the Network Service Provider must, at the same time when rejecting the proposed negotiated access standard;

1. subject to obligations in respect of confidential information, provide to the Connection Applicant:

   (i) where the basis for the Network Service Provider’s rejection is lack of evidence from the Connection Applicant, details of the additional evidence of the type referred to in paragraph (b2) the Network Service Provider requires to continue assessing the proposed negotiated access standard;

   (ii) detailed reasons in writing for the rejection, including the extent to which each of the matters identified at subparagraphs (b)(1), (b)(1A), (b)(3) and (b)(4) contributed to the Network Service Provider’s decision to reject the proposed negotiated access standard; and
(iii) the detailed reasons and recommendation (if any) provided by AEMO to the Network Service Provider in respect of an AEMO advisory matter under subparagraphs (d1)(1) and (2); and

(2) advise the Connection Applicant of a negotiated access standard that the Network Service Provider considers meets the requirements of subparagraphs (b)(1), (b)(1A), (b)(3) and (b)(4) will accept.

Note
This clause is classified as a civil penalty provision under the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations. (See clause 6(1) and Schedule 1 of the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations.)

(h) The Connection Applicant may in relation to a proposed negotiated access standard advised by a Network Service Provider in accordance with subparagraph (g)(2):

(1) accept the proposed negotiated access standard;
(2) reject the proposed negotiated access standard;
(3) propose an alternative negotiated access standard to be further evaluated in accordance with the criteria in paragraph (b); or
(4) elect to adopt the relevant automatic access standard or a corresponding plant standard.

(i) An automatic access standard or if the procedures in this clause 5.3.4A have been followed a negotiated access standard, that forms part of the terms and conditions of a connection agreement, is taken to be the performance standard applicable to the connected plant for the relevant technical requirement.

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5.3.9 Procedure to be followed by a Generator proposing to alter a generating system

(a) This clause 5.3.9 applies where a Generator proposes to alter a connected generating system or a generating system for which performance standards have been previously accepted by the Network Service Provider and AEMO (in relation to AEMO advisory matters) and that alteration:

(1) will affect the performance of the generating system relative to any of the technical requirements set out in clauses S5.2.5, S5.2.6, S5.2.7 and S5.2.8; or
(2) will, in AEMO's reasonable opinion, have an adverse system strength impact; or
(3) will, in AEMO's reasonable opinion, adversely affect network capability, power system security, quality or reliability of supply, inter-regional power transfer capability or the use of a network by another Network User.
(b) A Generator to which this clause applies, must submit to the Network Service Provider with a copy to AEMO:

(1) a description of the nature of the alteration and the timetable for implementation;

(2) in respect of the proposed alteration to the generating system, details of the generating unit design data and generating unit setting data in accordance with the Power System Model Guidelines, Power System Design Data Sheet and Power System Setting Data Sheet;

(3) in relation to each relevant technical requirement for which the proposed alteration to the equipment will affect the performance of the generating system, the proposed amendments to the plant’s existing corresponding performance standard for that technical requirement; and:

(i) the applicable automatic access standard; or
(ii) a proposed negotiated access standard; and

(4) where relevant, the Generator’s proposed system strength remediation scheme.

(c) Clause 5.3.4A applies to a submission by a Generator under subparagraph (b)(3)(ii).

(c1) Clause 5.3.4B applies to a submission by a Generator under subparagraph (b)(4). A Generator may request the Network Service Provider to undertake a preliminary assessment in accordance with the system strength impact assessment guidelines before making a submission under paragraph (b).

(d) Without limiting subparagraph (a)(b)(3), for the purposes of that subparagraph (unless AEMO and the Network Service Provider otherwise agree), a proposed alteration to the equipment specified in column 1 of the table set out below is taken deemed to affect the performance of the generating system relative to technical requirements specified in column 2, thereby necessitating a submission under subparagraph (b)(3), unless AEMO and the Network Service Provider otherwise agree.

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(e) The **Network Service Provider** may as a condition of considering a submission made under paragraph (b), require payment of a fee to meet the reasonable costs anticipated to be incurred by the **Network Service Provider**, other **Network Service Providers** and **AEMO**, in the assessment of the submission.

(f) The **Network Service Provider** must require payment of a fee under paragraph (e) if so requested by **AEMO**.

(g) On payment of the required fee referred to in paragraph (e), the **Network Service Provider** must pay such amounts as are on account of the costs anticipated to be incurred by the other **Network Service Providers** and **AEMO**, as appropriate.

(h) If the application of this clause 5.3.9 leads to a variation to an existing **connection agreement** the **Network Service Provider** and the **Generator** must immediately jointly advise **AEMO**, including the details of any **performance standards** amended pursuant to this clause 5.3.9.

**Note**

This clause is classified as a civil penalty provision under the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations. (See clause 6(1) and Schedule 1 of the National Electricity (South Australia) Regulations.)

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### S5.1.9 Protection systems and fault clearance times

**Network Users**

(a) A **Network Service Provider** must determine the **automatic access standard** and **minimum access standard** that applies to the protection zone of each **protection system** in relation to the **connection point** and the **plant** to be connected, as follows:

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(1) The automatic access standard for fault clearance time for any fault type is the lesser of the system standard set out in clause S5.1a.8 that applies to the highest nominal voltage within the protection system's protection zone and the corresponding minimum access standard determined under clauses S5.1.9(a)(2) or clause S5.1.9(a)(3) as applicable.

(2) The minimum access standard for fault clearance time of a primary protection system is:

(i) for a fault type that constitutes a credible contingency event in the relevant protection zone, the longest time such that a short circuit fault of that fault type that is cleared in that time would not cause the power system to become unstable when operating at any level of inter-regional or intra-regional power transfer that would be permissible (taking into account all other limiting criteria) if the fault clearance time for such a fault at the connection point were the system standard set out in clause S5.1a.8 that applies to the nominal voltage at the connection point; and

(ii) for a fault type that does not constitute a credible contingency event in the relevant protection zone:

(A) if a two phase to ground fault in that protection zone constitutes a credible contingency event, the corresponding fault clearance time for a two phase to ground short circuit fault in that protection zone as determined under clause S5.1.9(a)(2)(i); and

(B) otherwise, the shortest of the fault clearance times for a two phase to ground short circuit fault in each adjoining protection zone (excluding transformer protection zones and dead zones) as determined under clauses S5.1.9(a)(2)(i) or clause S5.1.9(c).

(3) The minimum access standard for fault clearance time of a breaker fail protection system or similar back-up protection system is the longest time such that a short circuit fault of any fault type that is cleared in that time would not damage any part of the power system (other than the faulted element) while the fault current is flowing or being interrupted.

(b) The negotiation of access standards in relation to paragraph (a) must involve AEMO under clause 5.3.4A(c) of the Rules.
Schedule 5.2  Conditions for Connection of Generators

S5.2.1  Outline of requirements

(a) This schedule sets out details of additional requirements and conditions that Generators must satisfy as a condition of connection of a generating system to the power system.

(b) This schedule does not apply to any generating system that is:
   (1) subject to an exemption from registration under clause 2.2.1(c); or
   (2) eligible for exemption under any guidelines issued under clause 2.2.1(c),

and which is connected or intended for use in a manner the Network Service Provider considers is unlikely to cause a material degradation in the quality of supply to other Network Users.

(c) This schedule also sets out the requirements and conditions which subject to clause 5.2.5 of the Rules, are obligations on Generators:
   (1) to co-operate with the relevant Network Service Provider on technical matters when making a new connection; and
   (2) to provide information to the Network Service Provider or AEMO.

(d) The equipment associated with each generating system must be designed to withstand without damage the range of operating conditions which may arise consistent with the system standards.

(e) Generators must comply with the performance standards and any attached terms or conditions of agreement agreed with the Network Service Provider or AEMO in accordance with a relevant provision of schedules 5.1a or 5.1.

(f) This schedule does not set out arrangements by which a Generator may enter into an agreement or contract with AEMO to:
   (1) provide additional services that are necessary to maintain power system security; or
   (2) provide additional services to facilitate management of the market.

(g) This schedule provides for automatic access standards and the determination of negotiated access standards derived from minimum access standards—which once determined, must be recorded together with the automatic access standards in a connection agreement and registered with AEMO as performance standards.
S5.2.5 Technical requirements

S5.2.5.1 Reactive power capability

Automatic access standard

(a) The automatic access standard is a generating system operating at:

(1) any level of active power output; and

(2) any voltage at the connection point within the limits established under clause S5.1a.4 without a contingency event,

must be capable of supplying and absorbing continuously at its connection point an amount of reactive power of at least the amount equal to the product of the rated active power of the generating system and 0.395.

Minimum access standard

(b) The minimum access standard is no capability is required to supply or absorb reactive power at the connection point.

Negotiated access standard

(c) When negotiating a negotiated access standard, the Generator, and the Network Service Provider and AEMO:

(1) must, subject to any agreement under subparagraph (d)(4), ensure that the reactive power capability of the generating system is consistent with maintaining power system security and sufficient to ensure that all relevant system standards are met before and after credible contingency events under normal and planned outage operating conditions of the power system, taking into account at least existing power system conditions, projects and considered projects and any other project for the connection of a Network User for which:

(i) there is an existing connection agreement; or
(ii) the Network Service Provider and AEMO reasonably consider the Network User will connect to the power system;

(2) may negotiate either a range of reactive power absorption and supply, or a range of power factor, at the connection point, within which the plant must be operated; and

(3) may negotiate a limit that describes how the reactive power capability varies as a function of active power output due to a design characteristic of the plant.

(d) If the generating system is not capable of the level of performance established under paragraph (c)(1) the Generator, depending on what is reasonable in the circumstances, must:

(1) pay compensation to the Network Service Provider for the provision of the deficit of reactive power (supply and absorption) from within the network;
(2) install additional equipment connecting at the generating system’s connection point or another location, to provide the deficit of reactive power (supply and absorption), and such equipment is deemed to be part of the generating system;

(3) reach a commercial arrangement with a Registered Participant to provide the deficit of reactive power (supply and absorption); or

(4) if the inability to meet the performance level only occurs for particular operating conditions, agree to and document as part of the proposed negotiated access standard, operational arrangements by which the plant can achieve an agreed level of performance for those operating conditions.

(e) The Generator may select one or more options referred to in paragraph (d).

General requirements

(f) An access performance standard must record the agreed value for rated active power and where relevant the method of determining the value.

(g) An access performance standard for consumption of energy by a generating system when not supplying or absorbing reactive power under an ancillary services agreement is to be established under clause S5.3.5 as if the Generator were a Market Customer.

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S5.2.5.3 Generating unit-system response to frequency disturbances

(a) For the purposes of this clause S5.2.5.3:

- normal operating frequency band, operational frequency tolerance band, or extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits are references to the widest range specified for those terms for any condition (including an “island” condition) in the frequency operating standards that apply to the region in which the generating unit is located.

- stabilisation time and recovery time mean the longest times allowable for the system frequency of the power system to remain outside the operational frequency tolerance band and the normal operating frequency band, respectively, for any condition (including an “island” condition) in the frequency operating standards that apply to the region in which the generating unit is located.

- transient frequency limit and transient frequency time mean the values of 47.5 Hz and 9 seconds respectively, or such other values determined by the Reliability Panel.

Automatic access standard

(b) The automatic access standard is a generating system and each of its generating units must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation for frequencies in the following ranges:
(1) the lower bound of the extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits to the lower bound of the operational frequency tolerance band for at least the stabilisation time;

(2) the lower bound of the operational frequency tolerance band to the lower bound of the normal operating frequency band, for at least the recovery time including any time spent in the range under subparagraph (1);

(3) the normal operating frequency band for an indefinite period;

(4) the upper bound of the normal operating frequency band to the upper bound of the operational frequency tolerance band, for at least the recovery time including any time spent in the range under subparagraph (5); and

(5) the upper bound of the operational frequency tolerance band to the upper bound of the extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits for at least the stabilisation time,

unless the rate of change of frequency is outside the range of −4 Hz to 4 Hz per second for more than 0.25 seconds, −3 Hz to 3 Hz per second for more than one second, or such other range as determined by the Reliability Panel from time to time.

Note:
The automatic access standard is illustrated in the following diagram. To the extent of any inconsistency between the diagram and paragraph (b), paragraph (b) prevails.
Minimum access standard

(c) The minimum access standard is a generating system and each of its generating units must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation for frequencies in the following ranges:

1. the lower bound of the extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits to the transient frequency limit for at least the transient frequency time;
2. the transient frequency limit to the lower bound of the operational frequency tolerance band for at least the stabilisation time;
3. the lower bound of the operational frequency tolerance band to the lower bound of the normal operating frequency band for at least the recovery time including any time spent in the ranges under subparagraphs (1) and (2);
4. the normal operating frequency band for an indefinite period;
5. the upper bound of the normal operating frequency band to the upper bound of the operational frequency tolerance band for at least the recovery time including any time spent in the ranges under subparagraph (6) unless the generating system has a protection system to trip a generating unit if the frequency exceeds a level agreed with AEMO; and
6. in respect of a generating system:
   (i) of 30 MW or more; and
   (ii) that does not have a protection system to trip the generating unit if the frequency exceeds a level agreed with AEMO,

the upper bound of the operational frequency tolerance band to the upper bound of the extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits (including an “island” condition) for at least the transient frequency time,

unless the rate of change of frequency is outside the range of -2 Hz to 2 Hz per second for more than 0.25 seconds, -1 Hz to 1 Hz per second for more than one second or such other range as determined by the Reliability Panel from time to time.

Note:
The minimum access standard is illustrated in the following diagram. To the extent of any inconsistency between the diagram and paragraph (c), paragraph (c) prevails.
Negotiated access standard

(d) A negotiated access standard can be accepted by the Network Service Provider provided that AEMO and the Network Service Provider agree that:

(1) the negotiated access standard is as close as practicable to the automatic access standard while respecting the need to protect the plant from damage;

(2) the frequency would be unlikely to fall below the lower bound of the operational frequency tolerance band as a result of over-frequency tripping of generating units; and

(3) there would be no material adverse impact on quality of supply to other Network Users or power system security.

(e) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.3.

S5.2.5.4 Generating system response to voltage disturbances

Automatic access standard

(a) The automatic access standard is a generating system and each of its generating units must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation where a power system disturbance causes the voltage at the connection point to vary within the following ranges:
(1) Voltages over 130% to 110% of normal voltage for a period of at least 0.02 seconds after $T(ov)$, the durations permitted under clause S5.1a.4;
(2) 125% to 130% of normal voltage for a period of at least 0.2 seconds after $T(ov)$;
(3) 120% to 125% of normal voltage for a period of at least 2.0 seconds after $T(ov)$;
(4) 115% to 120% of normal voltage for a period of at least 20.0 seconds after $T(ov)$;
(5) 110% to 115% of normal voltage for a period of at least 20 minutes after $T(ov)$;
(6) 90% to 110% of normal voltage continuously;
(7) 80% to 90% of normal voltage for a period of at least 10 seconds after $T(uv)$; and
(8) 70% to 80% of normal voltage for a period of at least 2 seconds after $T(uv)$.

where $T(ov)$ means a point in time when the voltage at the connection point first varied above 110% of normal voltage before returning to between 90% and 110% of normal voltage, and $T(uv)$ means a point in time when the voltage at the connection point first varied below 90% of normal voltage before returning to between 90% and 110% of normal voltage.

Minimum access standard

(b) The minimum access standard is a generating system including all operating generating units must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation where a power system disturbance causes the voltage at the connection point to vary within the following ranges: in the range of 90% to 110% of normal voltage, provided that the ratio of voltage to frequency (as measured at the connection point and expressed as a percentage of normal voltage and a percentage of 50 Hz) does not exceed:

(1) 115% to 120% of normal voltage for a period of at least 0.1 seconds after $T(ov)$;
(2) 110% to 115% of normal voltage for a period of at least 0.9 seconds after $T(ov)$;
(3) 90% to 110% of normal voltage continuously, provided that the ratio of voltage to frequency (as measured at the connection point and expressed as a percentage of normal voltage and a percentage of 50 Hz) does not exceed:

(i) a value of 1.15 for more than two minutes; or
(ii) a value of 1.10 for more than 10 minutes; or

(4) 80% to 90% of normal voltage for a period of at least 5 seconds after $T(uv)$; and
(5) 70% to 80% of normal voltage for a period of at least 2 seconds after $T(uv)$. 

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where T(ov) means a point in time when the voltage at the connection point first varied above 110% of normal voltage before returning to between 90% and 110% of normal voltage, and T(uv) means a point in time when the voltage at the connection point first varied below 90% of normal voltage before returning to between 90% and 110% of normal voltage.

Negotiated access standard

(c) In negotiating a negotiated access standard, a generating system and each of its operating generating units must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation for the range of voltages specified in the automatic access standard, except where AEMO and the Network Service Provider agree that:

(1) the negotiated access standard is as close as practicable to the automatic access standard while respecting the need to protect the plant from damage;

(2) the total reduction of generation in the power system generating plant that would be tripped as a result of any voltage excursion within levels specified by the automatic access standard, would not exceed not more than 100 MW, or a greater limit based on what AEMO and the Network Service Provider both consider to be reasonable in the circumstances, and

(3) there would be no material adverse impact on the quality of supply to other Network Users or power system security.

(d) In carrying out assessments of proposed negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.4, AEMO and the Network Service Provider must at a minimum, in addition to the requirements of clauses 5.3.4A(d1) and 5.3.4A(g) respectively, take into account:

(1) the expected performance of existing networks and considered projects; and

(2) the expected performance of existing generating plant and other relevant projects; and

(3) any corresponding performance standard (or where no performance standard has been registered, the access standard) that allows generating plant to trip for voltage excursions in ranges specified under the automatic access standards.

(e) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.4.[Deleted]

General requirement

(f) The access standard must include any operational arrangements necessary to ensure the generating system and each of its generating units will meet its agreed performance levels under abnormal network or generating system conditions.
S5.2.5.5 Generating system response to disturbances following contingency events

(a) In this clause S5.2.5.5 a fault includes:

(1) a fault of the relevant type having a metallic conducting path; and
(2) a fault of the relevant type resulting from reclosure onto a fault by the operation of automatic reclose equipment.

Automatic access standard

(b) The automatic access standard is:

(1) for a generating system and each of its generating units, the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d);
(2) for a generating system comprised solely of synchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraph (e);
(3) for a generating system comprised solely of asynchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraphs (f) to (i); and
(4) for a generating system comprised of synchronous generating units and asynchronous generating units:

(i) for that part of the generating system comprised of synchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraph (e); and

(ii) for that part of the generating system comprised of asynchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraphs (f) to (i).

All generating systems

(c) A generating system and each of its generating units must remain in continuous uninterrupted operation for any disturbance caused by an event that is:

(1) a credible contingency event other than a fault referred to in subparagraph (iv);
(2) a three phase fault in a transmission system cleared by all relevant primary protection systems;
(3) a two phase to ground, phase to phase or phase to ground fault in a transmission system cleared in:

(i) the longest time expected to be taken for a relevant breaker fail protection system to clear the fault; or

(ii) if a protection system referred to in subparagraph (Aii) is not installed, the greater of the time specified in column 4 of Table S5.1a.2 (or if none is specified, 430 milliseconds) and the longest time expected to be taken for all relevant primary protection systems to clear the fault; and

(4) a three phase, two phase to ground, phase to phase or phase to ground fault in a distribution network cleared in:
(i) the longest time expected to be taken for the breaker fail protection system to clear the fault; or

(ii) if a protection system referred to in subparagraph (Ai) is not installed, the greater of 430 milliseconds and the longest time expected to be taken for all relevant primary protection systems to clear the fault,

provided that the event is not one that would disconnect the generating unit from the power system by removing network elements from service.

(d) A generating system and each of its generating units must remain in continuous uninterrupted operation for a series of up to 15 disturbances within any five minute period caused by any combination of the events described in paragraph (c) where:

1. up to six of the disturbances cause the voltage at the connection point to drop below 50% of normal voltage;

2. in parts of the network where three-phase automatic reclosure is permitted, up to two of the disturbances are three phase faults, and otherwise, up to one three phase fault where voltage at the connection point drops below 50% of normal voltage;

3. up to one disturbance is cleared by a breaker fail protection system or similar back-up protection system;

4. up to one disturbance causes the voltage at the connection point to vary within the ranges under clause S5.2.5.4(a)(7) and (a)(8);

5. the minimum clearance from the end of one disturbance and commencement of the next disturbance may be zero milliseconds; and

6. all remaining disturbances are caused by faults other than three phase faults.

provided that none of the events would result in:

7. the islanding of the generating system or cause a material reduction in power transfer capability by removing network elements from service;

8. the cumulative time that voltage at the connection point is lower than 90% of normal voltage exceeding 1,800 milliseconds within any five minute period; or

9. the time integral, within any five minute period, of the difference between 90% of normal voltage and the voltage at the connection point when the voltage at the connection point is lower than 90% of normal voltage exceeding 1 pu second.

**Synchronous generating systems**

(e) Subject to any changed power system conditions or energy source availability beyond the Generator’s reasonable control, a generating system comprised of synchronous generating units, in respect of the types of fault described in subparagraphs (c)(2) to (4), must supply to or absorb from the network:
(1) to assist the maintenance of power system voltages during the fault, capacitive reactive current of at least the greater of its pre-disturbance reactive current and 4% of the maximum continuous current of the generating system including all operating synchronous generating units (in the absence of a disturbance) for each 1% reduction (from the level existing just prior to the fault) of connection point voltage during the fault;

(2) after clearance of the fault, reactive power sufficient to ensure that the connection point voltage is within the range for continuous uninterrupted operation under clause S5.2.5.4; and

(3) from 100 milliseconds after clearance of the fault, active power of at least 95% of the level existing just prior to the fault.

Asynchronous generating systems

(f) Subject to any changed power system conditions or energy source availability beyond the Generator’s reasonable control, a generating system comprised of asynchronous generating units, a synchronous generating system and each of its generating units, in respect of the types of fault described in subparagraphs (c)(2) to (4)(1)(ii) to (iv), must have facilities capable of supplying or absorbing from the network:

(1) to assist the maintenance of power system voltages during the application of the fault:

(i) capacitive reactive current of at least the greater of in addition to its pre-disturbance reactive current and level of at least 4% of the maximum continuous current of the generating system including all operating asynchronous generating units (in the absence of a disturbance) for each 1% reduction (from its pre-fault level) of connection point voltage at the connection point below the relevant range in which a reactive current response must commence, as identified in subparagraph (g)(1), with the performance standards to record the required response agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider during the fault; and

(ii) inductive reactive current in addition to its pre-disturbance level of at least 6% of the maximum continuous current of the generating system including all operating asynchronous generating units (in the absence of a disturbance) for each 1% increase of voltage at the connection point above the relevant range in which a reactive current response must commence, as identified in subparagraph (g)(1), with the performance standards to record the required response agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider, during the disturbance and maintained until connection point voltage recovers to between 90% and 110% of normal voltage, or such other range agreed with the Network Service Provider and AEMO, except for voltages below the relevant threshold identified in paragraph (h); and
(ii) after disconnection of the faulted element, reactive power sufficient to ensure that the connection point voltage is within the range for continuous uninterrupted operation under clause S5.2.5.4; and

(2) from 100 milliseconds after clearance of the fault disconnection of the faulted element, active power of at least 95% of the level existing just prior to the fault.

(g) For the purpose of paragraph (f):

(1) the generating system must commence a response when the voltage is in an under-voltage range of 85% to 90% or an over-voltage range of 110% to 115% of normal voltage. These ranges may be varied with the agreement of the Network Service Provider and AEMO (provided the magnitude of the range between the upper and lower bounds remains at \(\Delta 5\)%); and

(2) the reactive current response must have a rise time of no greater than 40 milliseconds and a settling time of no greater than 70 milliseconds and must be adequately damped.

(h) Despite paragraph (f), a generating system is not required to provide a capacitive reactive current response in accordance with subparagraph (f)(1)(i) where:

(1) the generating system is directly connected to the power system with no step-up or connection transformer; and

(2) voltage at the connection point is 5% or lower of normal voltage.

(i) Subject to paragraph (h), despite the amount of reactive current injected or absorbed during voltage disturbances, and subject to thermal limitations and energy source availability, a generating system must make available at all times:

(1) sufficient current to maintain rated apparent power of the generating system including all operating generating units (in the absence of a disturbance), for all connection point voltages above 115% (or otherwise, above the over-voltage range agreed in accordance with subparagraph (g)(1)); and

(2) the maximum continuous current of the generating system including all operating generating units (in the absence of a disturbance) for all connection point voltages below 85% (or otherwise, below the under-voltage range agreed in accordance with subparagraph (g)(1)), except that AEMO and the Network Service Provider may agree limits on active current injection where required to maintain power system security and/or the quality of supply to other Network Users.

Minimum access standard

(j) The minimum access standard is:

(1) for a generating system and each of its generating units, the requirements of paragraphs (k) and (l);
(2) For a generating system comprised solely of synchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraph (m);

(3) For a generating system comprised solely of asynchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraphs (n) to (p); and

(4) For a generating system comprised of synchronous generating units and asynchronous generating units:

(i) For that part of the generating system comprised of synchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraph (m); and

(ii) For that part of the generating system comprised of asynchronous generating units, the requirements of paragraphs (n) to (p).

All generating systems

(k) A generating system and each of its generating units must remain in continuous uninterrupted operation for any disturbance caused by an event that is:

(1) A credible contingency event—other than a fault referred to in subparagraph (iii); or

(2) A single phase to ground, phase to phase or two phase to ground fault in a transmission system or distribution network cleared in the longest time expected to be taken for all relevant primary protection systems to clear the fault, unless AEMO and the Network Service Provider agree that:

(a) the total reduction of generation in the power system due to that fault would not exceed 100 MW, or a greater limit based on what AEMO and the Network Service Provider both consider to be reasonable in the circumstances;

(b) there is unlikely to be an adverse impact on quality of supply to other Network Users; and

(c) there is unlikely to be a material adverse impact on power system security;

(iii) A single phase to ground, phase to phase or two phase to ground fault in a distribution network cleared in the longest time expected to be taken for all relevant primary protection systems to clear the fault, unless AEMO and the Network Service Provider agree that:

(a) the total reduction of generation in the power system due to that fault would not exceed 100 MW;

(b) there is unlikely to be a material adverse impact on quality of supply to other Network Users; and

(c) there is unlikely to be a material adverse impact on power system security;
provided that the event is not one that would disconnect the generating unit from the power system by removing network elements from service; and

(l) A generating system and each of its generating units must remain in continuous uninterrupted operation for a series of up to six disturbances within any five minute period caused by any combination of the events described in paragraph (k) where:

1. up to three of the disturbances cause the voltage at the connection point to drop below 50% of normal voltage;

2. up to one disturbance causes the voltage at the connection point to vary within the ranges agreed by AEMO and the Network Service Provider under clause S5.2.5.4(a)(7), (a)(8), (b)(4) or (b)(5) (as appropriate);

3. the time difference between the clearance of one disturbance and commencement of the next disturbance exceeds 200 milliseconds;

4. no more than three of the disturbances occur within 30 seconds; and

5. all disturbances are caused by faults other than three phase faults, provided that none of the events would result in:

6. the islanding of the generating system or cause a material reduction in power transfer capability by removing network elements from service;

7. the cumulative time that voltage at the connection point is lower than 90% of normal voltage exceeding 1,000 milliseconds within any five minute period; or

8. the time integral, within any five minute period, of the difference between 90% of normal voltage and the voltage at the connection point when the voltage at the connection point is lower than 90% of normal voltage exceeding 0.5 pu second,

and there is a minimum of 30 minutes where no disturbances occur following a five minute period of multiple disturbances.

Synchronous generating systems

(m) Subject to any changed power system conditions or energy source availability beyond the Generator’s reasonable control after clearance of the fault, a generating system comprised of synchronous generating units, in respect of the types of fault described in subparagraph (k)(2) must:

1. deliver active power to the network, and supply or absorb leading or lagging reactive power, sufficient to ensure that the connection point voltage is within the range for continuous uninterrupted operation agreed under clause S5.2.5.4; and

2. return to at least 95% of the pre-fault active power output, after clearance of the fault, within a period of time agreed by the Connection Applicant, AEMO and the Network Service Provider.
Asynchronous generating systems

(n) Subject to any changed power system conditions or energy source availability beyond the Generator’s reasonable control, after disconnection of the faulted element, a generating system comprised of asynchronous generating units, each generating system must, in respect of the types of fault described in subparagraphs (1)(ii) and (iii),

(1) for the types of fault described in subparagraph (k)(2), and to assist the maintenance of power system voltages during the fault, have facilities capable of supplying to or absorbing from the network:

(i) capacitive reactive current in addition to its pre-disturbance level of at least 2% of the maximum continuous current of the generating system including all operating asynchronous generating units (in the absence of a disturbance) for each 1% reduction of voltage at the connection point below the relevant range in which a reactive current response must commence, as identified in paragraph (o)(1), with the performance standards to record the required response agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider; and

(ii) inductive reactive current in addition to its pre-disturbance level of at least 2% of the maximum continuous current of the generating system including all operating asynchronous generating units (in the absence of a disturbance) for each 1% increase of voltage at the connection point above the relevant range in which a reactive current response must commence, as identified in paragraph (o)(1), with the performance standards to record the required response agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider,

during the disturbance and maintained until connection point voltage recovers to between 90% and 110% of normal voltage, or such other range agreed with the Network Service Provider and AEMO, except for voltages below the relevant threshold identified in paragraph (p); and

deliver to the network, active power and supply or absorb leading or lagging reactive power, sufficient to ensure that the connection point voltage is within the range for continuous uninterrupted operation agreed under clause S5.2.5.4.

(2) return to at least 95% of the pre-fault active power output, after clearance of the fault, within a period of time agreed by the Connection Applicant, AEMO and the Network Service Provider.

(o) For the purpose of paragraph (n):

(1) the generating system must commence a response when the voltage is in an under-voltage range of 80% to 90% or an over-voltage range of 110% to 120% of normal voltage. These ranges may be varied with the agreement of the Network Service Provider and AEMO (provided the magnitude of the range between the upper and lower bounds remains at ±10%).
(2) where AEMO and the Network Service Provider require the generating system to sustain a response duration of 2 seconds or less, the reactive current response must have a rise time of no greater than 40 milliseconds and a settling time of no greater than 70 milliseconds and must be adequately damped; and

(3) where AEMO and the Network Service Provider require the generating system to sustain a response duration of greater than 2 seconds, the reactive current rise time and settling time must be as soon as practicable and must be adequately damped.

(p) Despite paragraph (n), a generating system is not required to provide a capacitive reactive current response in accordance with subparagraph (n)(1)(i) where:

(1) voltage at the connection point is 15% or lower of normal voltage; or

(2) where the generating system is directly connected to the power system with no step-up or connection transformer, voltage at the connection point is 20% or lower of normal voltage.

Negotiated access standard

(q) In carrying out assessments of proposed negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.5, the Network Service Provider and AEMO must take into account, without limitation:

(1) the expected performance of:

   (i) existing networks and considered projects;

   (ii) existing generating plant and other relevant projects; and

   (iii) control systems and protection systems, including auxiliary systems and automatic reclose equipment; and

(2) the expected range of power system operating conditions.

(r) A proposed negotiated access standard may be accepted if the connection of the plant at the proposed access level would not cause other generating plant or loads to trip as a result of an event, when they would otherwise not have tripped for the same event.

(u) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.5.

General requirement

All generating systems

(s) The access performance standard must include any operational arrangements to ensure the generating system including all operating generating units will meet its agreed performance levels under abnormal network or generating system conditions.

(t) When assessing multiple disturbances, a fault that is re-established following operation of automatic reclose equipment shall be counted as a separate disturbance.
Asynchronous generating systems

(u) For the purpose of paragraphs (f) and (n):

(1) the reactive current contribution may be limited to the maximum continuous current of a generating system, including its operating asynchronous generating units;

(2) the reactive current contribution and voltage deviation described may be measured at a location other than the connection point (including within the relevant generating system) where agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider, in which case the level of injection and absorption will be assessed at that agreed location;

(3) the reactive current contribution required may be calculated using phase to phase, phase to ground or sequence components of voltages. The ratio of the negative sequence to positive sequence components of the reactive current contribution must be agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider for the types of disturbances listed in this clause S5.2.5.5; and

(4) the performance standards must record all conditions (which may include temperature) considered relevant by AEMO and the Network Service Provider under which the reactive current response is required.

Synchronous generating systems and units

(v) For a generating system comprised solely of synchronous generating units, the reactive current contribution may be limited to 250% of the maximum continuous current of the generating system.

(w) For a synchronous generating unit within a generating system (other than a generating system described in paragraph (v)), the reactive current contribution may be limited to 250% of the maximum continuous current of that synchronous generating unit.

### S5.2.5.7 Partial load rejection

(a) For the purposes of this clause S5.2.5.7 minimum load-generation means minimum sent out generation for continuous stable operation.

(b) This clause S5.2.5.7 does not apply to an asynchronous generating unit. [Deleted]

Automatic access standard

(c) The automatic access standard is a generating unit-system must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation during and following a power system load reduction of 30% from its pre-disturbance level or equivalent impact from separation of part of the power system in less than 10 seconds, provided that the loading level remains above minimum load-generation.
Minimum access standard

(d) The minimum access standard is a generating unit system must be capable of continuous uninterrupted operation during and following a power system load reduction of 5% or equivalent impact from separation of part of the power system in less than 10 seconds provided that the loading level remains above minimum load generation.

Negotiated access standard

(e) If in accordance with clause 5.3.4A the Generator and the Network Service Provider determine a negotiated access standard is to apply, the Network Service Provider must consult AEMO to ensure that the negotiated access standard does not materially adversely affect power system security.

(f) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.7.

General requirements

(g) The actual-agreed partial load rejection performance must be recorded in the access performance standards.

S5.2.5.8 Protection of generating systems from power system disturbances

Minimum access standard

(a) The minimum access standard is:

(1) subject to subparagraph (2) and paragraph (e), for a generating system or any of its generating units that is required by a Generator or Network Service Provider to be automatically disconnected from the power system in response to abnormal conditions arising from the power system, the relevant protection system or control system must not disconnect the generating system for:

(i) conditions for which it must remain in continuous uninterrupted operation; or

(ii) conditions it must withstand under the Rules; and

(2) a generating system with a nameplate rating of 30MW or more, or generating system comprised of generating units with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more, connected to a transmission system must have facilities to automatically and rapidly reduce its generation:

(i) by at least half, if the frequency at the connection point exceeds a level nominated by AEMO (not less than the upper limit of the operational frequency tolerance band) and the duration above this frequency exceeds a value nominated by AEMO where the reduction may be achieved:

(A) by reducing the output of the generating system within 3 seconds, and holding the output at the reduced level until the frequency returns to within the normal operating frequency band; or
(B) by disconnecting the generating system from the power system within 1 second; or

(ii) in proportion to the difference between the frequency at the connection point and a level nominated by AEMO (not less than the upper limit of the operational frequency tolerance band), such that the generation is reduced by at least half, within 3 seconds of the frequency reaching the upper limit of the extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits.

Negotiated access standard[Deleted]

(b) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.8.[Deleted]

General requirements

(c) AEMO or the Network Service Provider may require that an access standard include a requirement for the generating system to be automatically disconnected by a local or remote control scheme whenever the part of the network to which it is connected has been disconnected from the national grid, forming an island that supplies a Customer.

(d) The access standard must include specification of conditions for which the generating unit or generating system must trip and must not trip.

(e) Notwithstanding clauses S5.2.5.3, S5.2.5.4, S5.2.5.5, S5.2.5.6 and S5.2.5.7, a generating system may be automatically disconnected from the power system under any of the following conditions:

(1) in accordance with an ancillary services agreement between the Generator and AEMO;

(2) where a load that is not part of the generating system has the same connection point as the generating system and AEMO and the Network Service Provider agree that the disconnection would in effect be under-frequency load shedding;

(3) where the generating system is automatically disconnected under paragraph (a), clause S5.2.5.9 or by an emergency frequency control scheme;

(4) where the generating system is automatically disconnected under clause S5.2.5.10 due to a failure of the generating plant; or

(5) in accordance with an agreement between the Generator and a Network Service Provider (including an agreement in relation to an emergency control scheme under clause S5.1.8) to provide a service that AEMO agrees is necessary to maintain or restore power system security in the event of a specified contingency event.

(f) The Network Service Provider is not liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Generator or any other person as a consequence of a fault on either the power system, or within the Generator’s facility.
S5.2.5.9 Protection systems that impact on power system security

Automatic access standard

(a) The automatic access standard is:

1. subject to clauses S5.1.9(k) and S5.1.9(l), primary protection systems must be provided to disconnect from the power system any faulted element in a generating system and in protection zones that include the connection point within the applicable fault clearance time determined under clause S5.1.9(a)(1);

2. each primary protection system must have sufficient redundancy to ensure that a faulted element within its protection zone is disconnected from the power system within the applicable fault clearance time with any single protection element (including any communications facility upon which that protection system depends) out of service; and

3. breaker fail protection systems must be provided to clear faults that are not cleared by the circuit breakers controlled by the primary protection system within the applicable fault clearance time determined under clause S5.1.9(a)(1).

(b) In relation to an automatic access standard under this clause S5.2.5.9, the Generator must provide redundancy in the primary protection systems under paragraph (a)(2) and provide breaker fail protection systems under paragraph (a)(3) if AEMO or the Network Service Provider consider that a lack of these facilities could result in:

1. a material adverse impact on power system security or quality of supply to other Network Users; or

2. a reduction in inter-regional or intra-regional power transfer capability,

through any mechanism including:

3. consequential tripping of, or damage to, other network equipment or facilities of other Network Users, that would have a power system security impact; or

4. instability that would not be detected by other protection systems in the network.

Minimum access standard

(c) The minimum access standard is:

1. subject to clauses S5.1.9(k) and S5.1.9(l), protection systems must be provided to disconnect from the power system any faulted element within a generating system and in protection zones that include the connection point within the applicable fault clearance time determined under clause S5.1.9(a)(2); and

2. if a fault clearance time determined under clause S5.1.9(a)(2) for a protection zone is less than 10 seconds, a breaker fail protection system must be provided to clear from the power system any fault within that protection zone that is not cleared by the circuit breakers.
controlled by the primary protection system within the applicable fault clearance time determined under clause S5.1.9(a)(3).

**Negotiated access standard** [Deleted]

(d) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.9. [Deleted]

**General requirements**

(e) The Network Service Provider and the Generator must cooperate in the design and implementation of protection systems to comply with this clause S5.2.5.9, including cooperation on:

1. the use of current transformer and voltage transformer secondary circuits (or equivalent) of one party by the protection system of the other;
2. tripping of one party's circuit breakers by a protection system of the other party; and
3. co-ordination of protection system settings to ensure inter-operation.

(f) The protection system design referred to in paragraphs (a) and (c) must:

1. be coordinated with other protection systems;
2. avoid consequential disconnection of other Network Users’ facilities; and
3. take into account existing obligations of the Network Service Provider under connection agreements with other Network Users.

**S5.2.5.10 Protection to trip plant for unstable operation**

**Automatic access standard**

(a) The automatic access standard is a generating system must have:

1. for its synchronous generating units, must have a protection system to disconnect it promptly when a condition that would lead to pole slipping is detected, in order to prevent pole slipping or other conditions where a generating unit causes active power, reactive power or voltage at the connection point to become unstable as assessed in accordance with the power system stability guidelines established under clause 4.3.4(h); and
2. for its asynchronous generating units, must have a protection system to disconnect it promptly for conditions where the active power, reactive power or voltage at the connection point becomes unstable as assessed in accordance with the guidelines for power system stability established under clause 4.3.4(h).

**Minimum access standard**

(b) The minimum access standard is a generating unit-system must not cause a voltage disturbance at the connection point due to sustained unstable behaviour of more than the maximum level specified in Table 7 of Australian Standard AS/NZS 61000.3.7:2001.
Negotiated access standard

(c) If the Network Service Provider and the Generator agree, a protection system may also trip any other part of the generating system in order to cease the instability.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), a protection system must be provided in the access standard to trip the affected generating unit where:

1. the Network Service Provider considers it necessary to prevent consequential tripping of, or damage to, other generating units, network equipment or other Network Users' facilities, or

2. AEMO considers it necessary to prevent unstable operation having an adverse impact on power system security.

(e) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.10

S5.2.5.11 Frequency control

(a) For the purpose of this clause S5.2.5.11:

**droop** means, in relation to frequency response mode, the percentage change in power system frequency as measured at the connection point, divided by the percentage change in power transfer of the generating system expressed as a percentage of the maximum operating level of the generating system. Droop must be measured at frequencies that are outside the deadband and within the limits of power transfer.

**maximum operating level** means in relation to:

1. a non-scheduled generating unit, the maximum sent out generation consistent with its nameplate rating;
2. a scheduled generating unit or semi-scheduled generating unit, the maximum sent out generation to which it may be dispatched and as provided to AEMO in the most recent bid and offer validation data;
3. a non-scheduled generating system, the combined maximum sent out generation consistent with the nameplate ratings of its in-service generating units; and
4. a scheduled generating system or semi-scheduled generating system, the combined maximum sent out generation to which of its in-service generating units may be dispatched and as provided to AEMO in the most recent bid and offer validation data.

**minimum operating level** means in relation to:

1. a non-scheduled generating unit, its minimum sent out generation for continuous stable operation;
2. a scheduled generating unit or semi-scheduled generating unit, its minimum sent out generation for continuous stable operation;
3. a non-scheduled generating system, the combined minimum operating level of its in-service generating units; and
(4) a scheduled generating system or semi-scheduled generating system, the combined minimum sent out generation of its in-service generating units.

**Pre-disturbance level** means in relation to a generating unit and a frequency disturbance, the generating unit’s level of output just before the system frequency first exceeds the upper or lower limit of the normal operating frequency band during the frequency disturbance.

**System frequency** means the frequency of the transmission system or distribution system to which the generating unit or generating system is connected.

**Automatic access standard**

(b) The automatic access standard is:

(1) a generating system’s **active-power transfer** to the power system must not:

(i) increase in response to a rise in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point; or

(ii) decrease in response to a fall in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point; and

(2) a generating system must be capable of **operating in frequency response mode** such that it automatically provides a proportional reducing its active-power transfer to the power system:

(i) decrease in power transfer to the power system in response to a rise in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point whenever the system frequency exceeds the upper limit of the normal operating frequency band; and

(ii) increase in power transfer to the power system in response to a fall in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point by an amount that equals or exceeds the least of:

(A) 20% of its maximum operating level times the percentage frequency difference between system frequency and the upper limit of the normal operating frequency band;

(B) 10% of its maximum operating level; and

(C) the difference between the generating unit’s pre-disturbance level and minimum operating level, but zero if the difference is negative; and

(iii) sufficiently rapidly and sustained for a sufficient period for the **Generator** to be in a position to offer measurable amounts of all market ancillary services for the provision of power system frequency control, lower services to the spot market for market ancillary services, and
(3) A generating system must be capable of automatically increasing its active power transfer to the power system:

(i) whenever the system frequency falls below the lower limit of the normal operating frequency band;

(ii) by the amount that equals or exceeds the least of:

(A) 20% of its maximum operating level times the percentage frequency difference between the lower limit of the normal operating frequency band and system frequency;

(B) 5% of its maximum operating level; and

(C) one third of the difference between the generating unit's maximum operating level and pre-disturbance level, but zero if the difference is negative; and

(iii) sufficiently rapidly for the Generator to be in a position to offer measurable amounts of raise services to the spot market for market ancillary services.

Minimum access standard

(c) The minimum access standard is:

(1) for a generating system under relatively stable input energy, active power transfer to the power system must not:

(1i) increase in response to a rise in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point; and

(2ii) decrease more than 2% per Hz in response to a fall in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point.

(2) A generating system must be capable of operating in frequency response mode such that, subject to energy source availability, it automatically provides:

(i) a decrease in power transfer to the power system in response to a rise in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point; or

(ii) an increase in power transfer to the power system in response to a fall in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point,

where the change in active power is either proportional or otherwise as agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider.

Negotiated access standard

(d) A Generator proposing a negotiated access standard in respect of paragraph (c)(2) must demonstrate to AEMO that the proposed increase and decrease in active power transfer to the power system are as close as practicable to the automatic access standard for that plant.
(e) The negotiated access standard must record the agreed values for maximum operating level and minimum operating level, and where relevant the method of determining the values and the values for a generating system must take into account its in-service generating units.

(f) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.11.

General requirements

(g) Each control system used to satisfy this clause S5.2.5.11 must be adequately damped.

(h) The amount of a relevant market ancillary service for which the plant may be registered must not exceed the amount that would be consistent with the performance standard registered in respect of this requirement.

(i) For the purposes of subparagraph (b)(2), and with respect to a negotiated access standard proposed for the technical requirements relevant to this clause S5.2.5.11:

1. the change in power transfer to the power system must occur with no delay beyond that required for stable operation, or inherent in the plant controls, once the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point leaves a deadband around 50 Hz;

2. a generating system must be capable of setting the deadband and droop within the following ranges:
   (i) the deadband referred to in subparagraph (1) must be set within the range of 0 to ± 1.0 Hz. Different deadband settings may be applied for a rise or fall in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point; and
   (ii) the droop must be set within the range of 2% to 10%, or such other settings as agreed with the Network Service Provider and AEMO;

3. nothing in subparagraph (b)(2) is taken to require a generating system to operate below its minimum operating level in response to a rise in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point, or above its maximum operating level in response to a fall in the frequency of the power system as measured at the connection point;

4. a generating system is required to operate in frequency response mode only when it is enabled for the provision of a relevant market ancillary service; and

5. the performance standards must record:
   (i) the agreed values for maximum operating level and minimum operating level, and where relevant the method of determining the values, and the values for a generating system must take into account its in-service generating units; and
   (ii) for the purpose of subparagraph (b)(2) or a negotiated access standard offering measurable amounts of market ancillary services under this clause S5.2.5.11, the market ancillary service
services, including the performance parameters and requirements that apply to each such market ancillary service.

S5.2.5.12 Impact on network capability

Automatic access standard

(a) The automatic access standard is a generating system must have plant capabilities and control systems that are sufficient so that when connected it does not reduce any inter-regional or intra-regional power transfer capability below the level that would apply if the generating system were not connected.

Minimum access standard

(b) The minimum access standard is a generating system must have plant capabilities, control systems and operational arrangements sufficient to ensure there is no reduction in:

1. the ability to supply Customer load as a result of a reduction in power transfer capability; and
2. power transfer capabilities into a region by more than the combined sent out generation of its generating units.

Negotiated access standard

(c) In carrying out assessments of proposed negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.12, the Network Service Provider and AEMO must take into account:

1. the expected performance of:
   i. existing networks and considered projects;
   ii. existing generating plant and other relevant projects; and
   iii. control systems and protection systems, including automatic reclose equipment; and
2. the expected range of power system operating conditions.

(d) The negotiated access standard must include:

1. control systems to minimise any reduction in power transfer capabilities; and
2. operational arrangements, including curtailment of the generating system’s output if necessary to ensure that the generating plant is operated in a way that meets at least the minimum access standard under abnormal network and generating system conditions, so that power system security can be maintained.

(e) A negotiated access standard under this clause S5.2.5.12 must detail the plant capabilities, control systems and operational arrangements that will be maintained by the Generator, notwithstanding that change to the power system, but not changes to the generating system, may reduce the efficacy of the plant capabilities, control systems and operational arrangements over time.
(f) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.12. [Deleted]

General requirement

(g) If a Network Service Provider considers that power transfer capabilities of its network would be increased through provision of additional control system facilities to a generating system (such as a power system stabiliser), the Network Service Provider and the Generator may negotiate for the provision of such additional control system facilities as a commercial arrangement.

S5.2.5.13 Voltage and reactive power control

(a) For the purpose of this clause S5.2.5.13:

rise time means in relation to a step response test or simulation of a control system, the time taken for an output quantity to rise from 10% to 90% of the maximum change induced in that quantity by a step change of an input quantity.

settling time means in relation to a step response test or simulation of a control system, the time measured from initiation of a step change in an input quantity to the time when the magnitude of error between the output quantity and its final settling value remains less than 10% of:

(1)—if the sustained change in the quantity is less than half of the maximum change in that output quantity, the maximum change induced in that output quantity; or

(2)—the sustained change induced in that output quantity.

static excitation system means in relation to a synchronous generating unit, an excitation control system that does not use rotating machinery to produce the field current.

Automatic access standard

(b) The automatic access standard is:

(1) a generating system must have plant capabilities and control systems sufficient to ensure that:

(i) power system oscillations, for the frequencies of oscillation of the generating unit against any other generating unit, are adequately damped;

(ii) operation of the generating system does not degrade the damping of any critical mode of oscillation of the power system; and

(iii) operation of the generating system does not cause instability (including hunting of tap-changing transformer control systems) that would adversely impact other Registered Participants;

(2) a control system must have:
(i) for the purposes of disturbance monitoring and testing, permanently installed and operational, monitoring and recording facilities for key variables including each input and output; and

(ii) facilities for testing the control system sufficient to establish its dynamic operational characteristics;

(2A) a generating system must have facilities with a control system to regulate voltage, reactive power and power factor, with the ability to:

(i) operate in any control mode; and

(ii) switch between control modes,

as shown in the manufacturer’s and/or design specifications of the relevant equipment and demonstrated to the reasonable satisfaction of the Network Service Provider and AEMO;

(2B) a generating system must have a voltage control system that:

(i) regulates voltage at the connection point or another agreed location in the power system (including within the generating system) to within 0.5% of the setpoint, where that setpoint may be adjusted to incorporate any voltage droop or reactive current compensation agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider;

(ii) regulates voltage in a manner that helps to support network voltages during faults and does not prevent the Network Service Provider from achieving the requirements of clauses S5.1a.3 and S5.1a.4;

(iii) allows the voltage setpoint to be continuously controllable in the range of at least 95% to 105% of the target voltage (as determined by the Network Service Provider in accordance with clause S5.1.4(c) and recorded in the connection agreement in accordance with clause S5.1.4) at the connection point or agreed location on the power system, without reliance on a tap-changing transformer and subject to the reactive power capability agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider under clause S5.2.5.1; and

(iv) has limiting devices to ensure that a voltage disturbance does not cause a generating unit to trip at the limits of its operating capability;

(3) a synchronous generating system must have an excitation control system that:

(i) regulates voltage at the connection point or another agreed location in the power system (including within the generating system) to within 0.5% of the setpoint; [Deleted]

(ii) is able to operate the stator continuously at 105% of nominal voltage with rated active power output;

(iii) regulates voltage in a manner that helps to support network voltages during faults and does not prevent the Network Service
Provider from achieving the requirements of clause S5.1a.3 and S5.1a.4. [Deleted]

(iv) allows the voltage setpoint to be continuously controllable in the range of at least 95% to 105% of normal voltage at the connection point or the agreed location, without reliance on a tap-changing transformer. [Deleted]

(v) has limiting devices to ensure that a voltage disturbance does not cause the generating unit to trip at the limits of its operating capability; [Deleted]

(vi) has an excitation ceiling voltage of at least:
   (A) for a static excitation system, 2.3 times; or
   (B) for other excitation control systems, 1.5 times,
   the excitation required to achieve generation at the nameplate rating for rated power factor, rated speed and nominal voltage;

(vii) has settling times for a step change of voltage setpoint or voltage at the location agreed under subparagraph (2B)(i) of:
   (A) generated voltage less than 2.5 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating unit not synchronised;
   (B) active power, reactive power and voltage less than 5.0 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating unit synchronised, from an operating point where the voltage disturbance would not cause any limiting device to operate; and
   (C) in respect of each limiting device, active power, reactive power and voltage less than 7.5 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating unit synchronised, when operating into a limiting device from an operating point where a voltage disturbance of 2.5% would just cause the limiting device to operate;

(viii) is able to can increase field voltage from rated field voltage to the excitation ceiling voltage in less than:
   (A) 0.05 second for a static excitation system; or
   (B) 0.5 second for other excitation control systems; and

(ix) has a power system stabiliser with sufficient flexibility to enable damping performance to be maximised, with characteristics as described in paragraph (c); and

(x) has reactive current compensation settable for boost or droop; and

(4) a generating system, other than one comprised of synchronous generating units, must have a voltage control system that:

(i) regulates voltage at the connection point or an agreed location in the power system (including within the generating system) to within 0.5% of its setpoint; [Deleted]
(ii) regulates voltage in a manner that helps to support network voltages during faults and does not prevent the Network Service Provider from achieving the requirements of clauses S5.1a.3 and S5.1a.4. [Deleted]

(iii) allows the voltage setpoint to be continuously controllable in the range of at least 95% to 105% of normal voltage at the connection point or agreed location in the power system, without reliance on a tap changing transformer. [Deleted]

(iv) has limiting devices to ensure that a voltage disturbance does not cause the generating unit to trip at the limits of its operating capability; [Deleted]

(v) with the generating system connected to the power system, has settling times for active power, reactive power and voltage due to a step change of voltage setpoint or voltage at the location agreed under clause subparagraph (2B)(i), of less than:

(A) 5.0 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating system connected to the power system, from an operating point where the voltage disturbance would not cause any limiting device to operate; and

(B) 7.5 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating system connected to the power system, when operating into any limiting device from an operating point where a voltage disturbance of 2.5% would just cause the limiting device to operate;

(vi) has reactive power rise time, for a 5% step change in the voltage setpoint, of less than 2 seconds; and

(vii) has a power oscillation damping capability with sufficient flexibility to enable damping performance to be maximised:

(A) with characteristics as described in paragraph (c); or

(B) where AEMO has published characteristics for a generating system other than one comprised of synchronous generating units, following consultation in accordance with the Rules consultation procedures, with characteristics as published by AEMO.

(vii) has a power system stabiliser with sufficient flexibility to enable damping performance to be maximised, with characteristics as described in paragraph (c); and

(viii) has reactive current compensation.

(c) A power system stabiliser provided under paragraph (b) must have:

(1) for a synchronous generating unit, measurements of rotor speed and active power output of the generating unit as inputs, and otherwise, measurements of power system frequency and active power output of the generating unit as inputs;
(2) two washout filters for each input, with ability to bypass one of them if necessary;

(3) sufficient (and not less than two) lead-lag transfer function blocks (or equivalent number of complex poles and zeros) with adjustable gain and time-constants, to compensate fully for the phase lags due to the generating plant;

(4) an output limiter, which for a synchronous generating unit is continuously adjustable over the range of –10% to +10% of stator voltage;

(5) monitoring and recording facilities for key variables including inputs, output and the inputs to the lead-lag transfer function blocks; and

(6) facilities to permit testing of the power system stabiliser in isolation from the power system by injection of test signals, sufficient to establish the transfer function of the power system stabiliser.

(c1) A reactive power or power factor control system provided under paragraph (b)(2A) must:

(1) regulate reactive power or power factor (as applicable) at the connection point or another agreed location in the power system (including within the generating system), to within:

(i) for a generating system operating in reactive power mode, 2% of the rating (in MVA) of the generating system (expressed in MVAr); or

(ii) for a generating system operating in power factor mode, a power factor equivalent to 2% of the rating (in MVA) of the generating system (expressed in MVAr);

(2) allow the reactive power or power factor setpoint to be continuously controllable across the reactive power capability range established under clause S5.2.5.1; and

(3) with the generating system connected to the power system, and for a step change in setpoint of at least 50% of the reactive power capability agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider under clause S5.2.5.1, or a 5% voltage disturbance at the location agreed under subparagraph (1):

(i) have settling times for active power, reactive power and voltage of less than 5.0 seconds from an operating point where the voltage disturbance would not cause any limiting device to operate; and

(ii) have settling times for active power, reactive power and voltage of less than 7.5 seconds when operating into any limiting device from an operating point where a voltage disturbance of 2.5% would just cause the limiting device to operate.

The Network Service Provider may determine whether to use a setpoint step test or a 5% voltage disturbance test for the purposes of this subparagraph (c1)(3).
Minimum access standard

(d) The minimum access standard is:

(1) a generating system must have plant capabilities and control systems, including, if appropriate, a power system stabiliser, sufficient to ensure that:

(i) power system oscillations, for the frequencies of oscillation of the generating unit against any other generating unit, are adequately damped;

(ii) operation of the generating unit does not degrade:

(A) any mode of oscillation that is within 0.3 nepers per second of being unstable, by more than 0.01 nepers per second; and

(B) any other mode of oscillation to within 0.29 nepers per second of being unstable; and

(iii) operation of the generating unit does not cause instability (including hunting of tap-changing transformer control systems) that would adversely impact other Registered Participants;

(2) a generating system comprised of generating units with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more must have facilities for testing its control systems sufficient to establish their dynamic operational characteristics;

(2A) a generating system must have facilities with a control system to regulate:

(i) voltage; or

(ii) either of reactive power or power factor with the agreement of AEMO and the Network Service Provider;

(2B) a voltage control system for a generating system must:

(i) regulate voltage at the connection point or another agreed location in the power system (including within the generating system), to within 2% of the setpoint, where that setpoint may be adjusted to incorporate any voltage droop or reactive current compensation agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider; and

(ii) allow the voltage setpoint to be controllable in the range of at least 98% to 102% of the target voltage (as determined by the Network Service Provider in accordance with clause S5.1.4(c) and recorded in the connection agreement in accordance with clause S5.1.4) at the connection point or the agreed location, subject to the reactive power capability agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider under clause S5.2.5.1;

(3) a generating system’s reactive power or power factor control system must:
(i) regulate reactive power or power factor (as applicable) at the connection point or another agreed location in the power system (including within the generating system), to within:

(A) for a generating system operating in reactive power mode, 5% of the rating (in MVA) of the generating system (expressed in MVAr); or

(B) for a generating system operating in power factor mode, a power factor equivalent to 5% of the rating (in MVA) of the generating system (expressed in MVAr); and

(ii) allow the reactive power or power factor setpoint to be continuously controllable across the reactive power capability range established under clause S5.2.5.1; a generating unit or generating system must have facilities:

(i) where the connection point nominal voltage is 100 kV or more, to regulate voltage in a manner that does not prevent the Network Service Provider from achieving the requirements of clauses S5.1a.3 and S5.1a.4; or

(ii) where the connection point nominal voltage is less than 100 kV, to regulate voltage or reactive power or power factor in a manner that does not prevent the Network Service Provider from achieving the requirements of clauses S5.1a.3 and S5.1a.4, and sufficient to achieve the performance agreed in respect of clauses S5.2.5.1, S5.2.5.2, S5.2.5.3, S5.2.5.4, S5.2.5.5, S5.2.5.6 and S5.2.5.12;

(4) a synchronous generating unit, that is part of a generating system comprised of generating units with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more, must have an excitation control system required to regulate voltage under subparagraph (d)(2A)(i) must that:

(i) regulates voltage, power factor or reactive power as agreed with the Network Service Provider and AEMO; [Deleted]

(ii) has excitation ceiling voltage of at least 1.5 times the excitation required to achieve generation at the nameplate rating for rated power factor, rated speed and nominal voltage;

(iii) subject to co-ordination under paragraph (i), has a settling time of less than 5.07.5 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating unit synchronised, from an operating point where such a voltage disturbance would not cause any limiting device to operate; and

(iv) has over and under excitation limiting devices sufficient to ensure that a voltage disturbance does not cause the generating unit to trip at the limits of its operating capability; and

(5) a generating system comprised of asynchronous generating units with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more and which are asynchronous generating units, must have a voltage control...
system required to regulate voltage under subparagraph (d)(2A)(i)

must that:

(i) regulates voltage, power factor or reactive power as agreed with the Network Service Provider and AEMO; [Deleted]

(ii) subject to co-ordination under subparagraph (i), has a settling time less than 7.5 seconds for a 5% voltage disturbance with the generating unit electrically connected to the power system from an operating point where such a voltage disturbance would not cause any limiting device to operate; and

(iii) has limiting devices to ensure that a voltage disturbance would not cause the generating unit to trip at the limits of its operating capability.

Negotiated access standard

(e) If a generating system cannot meet the automatic access standard, the Generator must demonstrate to the Network Service Provider why that standard could not be reasonably achieved and propose a negotiated access standard. [Deleted]

(f) The negotiated access standard proposed by the Generator under clause 5.3.4A(b1) must be the highest level that the generating system can reasonably achieve, including by installation of additional dynamic reactive power equipment, and through optimising its control systems.

(g) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.13. [Deleted]

General requirements

(g1) For the purposes of subparagraph (b)(2A), the Network Service Provider and AEMO will nominate one or more control modes to be implemented when the generating system is commissioned, and may require additional control modes to be commissioned after connection if the Network Service Provider or AEMO reasonably considers such additional modes to be necessary to ensure power system security or quality of supply. Where a generating system has been commissioned for more than one control mode, the Generator, Network Service Provider and AEMO must agree on a procedure for switching between control modes. The initial operating mode, other available modes and the procedure for switching between modes must be recorded as part of the performance standard.

(h) A limiting device provided under paragraphs (b) and (ed) must:

(1) not detract from the performance of any power system stabiliser or power oscillation damping capability; and

(2) be co-ordinated with all protection systems.

(i) The Network Service Provider may require that the design and operation of the control systems of a generating unit or generating system be coordinated with the existing voltage control systems of the Network Service Provider and of other Network Users, in order to avoid or manage interactions that
would adversely impact on the Network Service Provider and other Network Users.

(j) Any requirements imposed by the Network Service Provider under paragraph (i) must be recorded in the access performance standard.

(k) The assessment of impact of the generating units on power system stability and damping of power system oscillations shall be in accordance with the guidelines for power system stability established under clause 4.3.4(h).

S5.2.5.14 Active power control

(a) The automatic access standard is a generating system comprised of generating units with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more must have an active power control system capable of:

(1) for a scheduled generating unit or a scheduled generating system:

(i) maintaining and changing its active power output in accordance with its dispatch instructions; and

(ii) ramping its active power output linearly from one level of dispatch to another; and

(iii) receiving and automatically responding to signals delivered from the automatic generation control system, as updated at a rate of once every 4 seconds (or such other period specified by AEMO as required);

(2) subject to energy source availability, for a non-scheduled generating unit or a non-scheduled generating system:

(i) automatically reducing or increasing its active power output within 5 minutes, at a constant rate, to or below the level specified in an instruction electronically issued by a control centre, subject to subparagraph (iii);

(ii) automatically limiting its active power output, to below the level specified in subparagraph (i); and

(iii) not changing its active power output within 5 minutes by more than the raise and lower amounts specified in an instruction electronically issued by a control centre; and

(3) subject to energy source availability, for a semi-scheduled generating unit or a semi-scheduled generating system:

(i) automatically reducing or increasing its active power output within 5 minutes at a constant rate, to or below the level specified in an instruction electronically issued by a control centre;

(ii) automatically limiting its active power output, to or below the level specified in subparagraph (i);

(iii) not changing its active power output within 5 minutes by more than the raise and lower amounts specified in an instruction electronically issued by a control centre; and
(iv) ramping its active power output linearly from one level of dispatch to another; and

(v) receiving and automatically responding to signals delivered from the automatic generation control system, as updated at a rate of once every 4 seconds (or such other period specified by AEMO as required).

Minimum access standard

(b) The minimum access standard is a generating system comprised of generating units with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more must have an active power control system capable of:

(1) for a scheduled generating unit or a scheduled generating system:

(i) maintaining and changing its active power output in accordance with its dispatch instructions; and

(ii) receiving and automatically responding to signals delivered from the automatic generation control system, as updated at a rate of once every four seconds (or such other period specified by AEMO as required);

(2) for a non-scheduled generating system:

(i) reducing its active power output, within 5 minutes, to or below the level required to manage network flows that is specified in a verbal instruction issued by the control centre;

(ii) limiting its active power output, to or below the level specified in subparagraph (i); and

(iii) subject to energy source availability, ensuring that the change of active power output in a 5 minute period does not exceed a value agreed with AEMO and the Network Service Provider; and

(iv) being upgraded to receive electronic instructions from the control centre and fully implement them within 5 minutes; and

(3) subject to energy source availability, for a semi-scheduled generating unit or a semi-scheduled generating system:

(i) maintaining and changing its active power output in accordance with its dispatch instructions;

(ii) not changing its active power output within five minutes by more than the rise and lower amounts specified in an instruction electronically issued by a control centre; and

(iii) receiving and automatically responding to signals delivered from the automatic generation control system, as updated at a rate of once every 4 seconds (or such other period specified by AEMO as required).
Negotiated access standard

(c) A negotiated access standard may provide that if the number or frequency of verbal instructions becomes difficult for a control centre to manage, AEMO may require the Generator to upgrade its facilities to receive electronic instructions and fully implement them within 5 minutes.

(d) The negotiated access standard must document to AEMO’s satisfaction any operational arrangements necessary to manage network flows that may include a requirement for the generating system to be operated in a manner that prevents its output changing within 5 minutes by more than an amount specified by a control centre.

(e) AEMO must advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.5.14. [Deleted]

General requirements

(f) Each control system used to satisfy the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) must be adequately damped.

S5.2.6 Monitoring and control requirements

S5.2.6.1 Remote Monitoring

Automatic access standard

(a) The automatic access standard is a:

(1) scheduled generating unit;

(2) scheduled generating system;

(3) non-scheduled generating unit with a nameplate rating of 30 MW or more;

(4) non-scheduled generating system with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more;

(5) semi-scheduled generating unit; or

(6) semi-scheduled generating system,

must have remote monitoring equipment and remote control equipment to transmit to and receive from AEMO’s control centres in real time in accordance with rule 4.11 the quantities that AEMO reasonably requires to discharge its market and power system security functions set out in Chapters 3 and 4.

(b) The remote monitoring quantities referred to under paragraph (a) that AEMO may request include:

(1) in respect of a generating system of a type referred to in subparagraphs (a)(1) to (6):

(i) the status of all switching devices that carry the generation;

(ii) tap-changing transformer tap position(s) and voltages;

(iii) active power and reactive power aggregated for groups of identical generating units;
(iv) either the number of identical generating units operating or the operating status of each non-identical generating unit;
(v) active power and reactive power for the generating system; and
(vi) voltage control system setpoint and mode (as applicable);

(42) in respect of a generating unit with a nameplate rating of 30 MW or more:
(i) current, voltage, active power and reactive power in respect of generating unit stators or power conversion systems (as applicable);
(ii) the status of all switching devices that carry the generation; and
(iii) tap-changing transformer tap position;

(2) in respect of a generating system that includes a generating unit with a nameplate rating of less than 30 MW:
(i) its connected status, tap-changing transformer tap position and voltages;
(ii) active power and reactive power aggregated for groups of identical generating units;
(iii) either the number of identical generating units operating or the operating status of each non-identical generating unit; and
(iv) active power and reactive power for the generating system;

(3) in respect of an auxiliary supply system with a capacity of 30 MW or more associated with a generating unit or generating system, active power and reactive power;

(4) in respect of reactive power equipment that is part of a generating system but not part of a particular generating unit, its reactive power;

(5) in respect of a wind farm type of semi-scheduled generating system, all data specified as mandatory in the relevant energy conversion model applicable to that type of semi-scheduled generating system:
(i) wind speed;
(ii) wind direction;
(iii) ambient temperature; and

(6) in respect of a scheduled generating system or semi-scheduled generating system:
(i) maximum active power limit;
(ii) minimum active power limit;
(iii) maximum active power raise ramp rate; and
(iv) maximum active power lower ramp rate;

(7) in respect of a run-back scheme agreed with the Network Service Provider:
(i) run-back scheme status; and
(ii) active power, reactive power or other control limit, as applicable;

(8) the mode of operation of the generating unit, turbine control limits, or other information required to reasonably predict the active power response of the generating system to a change in power system frequency at the connection point; and

(69) any other quantity that AEMO reasonably requires to discharge its market and power system security functions as set out in Chapters 3 and 4.

(b1) The remote control quantities referred to under paragraph (a) that AEMO may request include:

(1) in respect of a generating system:
   (i) voltage control setpoint; and
   (ii) voltage control mode (where applicable);

(2) in respect of a scheduled generating system or semi-scheduled generating system, the automatic generation control system signal;

(3) in respect of a non-scheduled generating system, to the extent required to manage network flows:
   (i) active power limit; and
   (ii) active power ramp limit.

**Minimum access standard**

(c) The minimum access standard is a:

(1) scheduled generating unit;

(2) scheduled generating system;

(3) non-scheduled generating system with a combined nameplate rating of 30 MW or more;

(4) semi-scheduled generating unit; or

(5) semi-scheduled generating system,

must have remote monitoring equipment to transmit to AEMO's control centres in real time in accordance with rule 4.11 the quantities that AEMO reasonably requires to discharge its market and power system security functions set out in Chapters 3 and 4;

(d) The quantities referred to under paragraph (c) that AEMO may request include:

(61) the active power output of the generating unit or generating system (as applicable);

(72) if connected to a transmission system, the reactive power output of the generating unit or generating system (as applicable); and
(83) if a wind farm type of *semi-scheduled generating system*, all data specified as mandatory in the relevant *energy conversion model* applicable to that type of *semi-scheduled generating system*;:

(i) number of units operating;

(ii) wind speed; and

(iii) wind direction,

in accordance with rule 4.11.

**Negotiated access standard**

(d) *AEMO* may advise on matters relating to *negotiated access standards* under this clause S5.2.6.1.

**S5.2.6.2 Communications equipment**

**Automatic access standard**

(a) The *automatic access standard* is a *Generator* must:

(1) provide and maintain two separate telephone *facilities* using independent telecommunications service providers, for the purposes of *operational communications* between the *Generator's* responsible operator under clause 4.11.3(a) and *AEMO's* *control centre*; and

(2) provide electricity supplies for *remote monitoring equipment* and *remote control equipment* installed in relation to its *generating system* capable of keeping such equipment available for at least 3 hours following total loss of *supply* at the *connection point* for the relevant *generating unit*.

**Minimum access standard**

(b) The *minimum access standard* is a *Generator* must:

(1) provide and maintain a telephone facility for the purposes of *operational communications* between the *Generator's* responsible operator under clause 4.11.3(a) and *AEMO's* *control centre*; and

(2) provide electricity supplies for *remote monitoring equipment* and *remote control equipment* installed in relation to its *generating system* capable of keeping such equipment available for at least 1 hour following total loss of *supply* at the *connection point* for the relevant *generating unit*.

**Negotiated access standard**

(c) A *negotiated access standard* must include, where the *Network Service Provider* or *AEMO* reasonably require, a back-up telephone facility be independent of commercial telephone service providers, and the *Network Service Provider* must provide and maintain the separate facility on a cost-recovery basis only through the charge for *connection*.

(d) A *negotiated access standard* must include that a *Generator* must provide communications paths (with appropriate redundancy) from the *remote monitoring equipment* or *remote control equipment* installed for each of its
generating systems as appropriate, to an interface for communication purposes in a location reasonably acceptable to the Network Service Provider at the relevant generation facility.

(e) Communications systems between the interface for communication purposes under paragraph (d) and the control centre must be the responsibility of the Network Service Provider unless otherwise agreed by the Generator and the Network Service Provider.

(f) A negotiated access standard must include that the Generator provide accommodation and secure power supplies for communications facilities provided by the Network Service Provider under this clause S5.2.6.2.

(g) AEMO may advise on matters relating to negotiated access standards under this clause S5.2.6.2.

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Schedule 5.3a  Conditions for connection of Market Network Services

S5.3a.1a  Introduction to the schedule

This schedule sets out obligations of Market Network Service Providers who connect to either a transmission network or a distribution network. It represents the requirements to be met for access to a network. Particular provisions may be varied by the Network Service Provider under the provisions of the Rules for the application of minimum access standards and automatic access standards.

This schedule includes specific provisions for the determination of automatic access standards and negotiated access standards derived from minimum access standards which, once determined, must be recorded together with the automatic access standards in a connection agreement and registered with AEMO as performance standards.

In this schedule, the term Network Service Provider applies only to the Network Service Provider with whom the Market Network Service Provider has lodged, or is considering lodging, an application to connect.

(a) The schedule includes, in respect of each market network service, provisions regarding the capability to:

(1) automatically control the transfer of real power at the connection point for any given set of system conditions within the limits permitted under the Rules;

(2) respond to control requirements under expected normal and abnormal conditions;

(3) comply with general requirements to meet quality of supply obligations in accordance with clauses S5.3a.9, S5.3a.10 and S5.3a.11 and to maintain security of supply to other Registered Participants; and
(4) automatically *disconnect* itself when necessary to prevent any damage to the market network service facilities or threat to power system security.

(b) This schedule also sets out the requirements and conditions, which (subject to clause 5.2.3 of the Rules) are obligations of Market Network Service Providers to:

1. co-operate with the relevant Network Service Provider on technical matters when making a new connection;
2. provide information to the Network Service Provider or AEMO; and
3. observe and apply the relevant provisions of the system standards contained in schedule 5.1a in relation to the planning, design and operation of its market network service facilities.

(c) This schedule does not set out arrangements by which a Market Network Service Provider may enter into an agreement or contract with AEMO to:

1. provide additional services that are necessary to maintain power system security; or
2. provide additional service to facilitate management of the market.

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**S5.3a.4 Monitoring and control requirements**

**S5.3a.4.1 Remote Monitoring**

(a) *Automatic access standard:*

1. Each market network service facility must have remote monitoring equipment to transmit to AEMO's control centres in real time, the quantities that AEMO reasonably requires to discharge its market and power system security functions as set out in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Rules respectively.

2. The quantities may include such data as current, voltage, active power, reactive power, operational limits and critical temperatures in respect of connection points and power conversion systems.

(b) *Minimum access standard:*

1. Each market network service facility must have remote monitoring equipment to transmit to AEMO's control centres in real time:

   (A) connection point active power flow, reactive power flow and voltage;

   (B) active power, reactive power and voltage for AC power lines, transformers and busbars, and power and voltage (or alternatively current) for DC power lines; and

   (C) the status of circuit breakers.
(c) The negotiation of access standards in relation to this clause S5.3a.4.1 must involve AEMO under clause 5.3.4A(c) of the Rules.

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S5.3a.14 Protection of market network services from power system disturbances

(a) Minimum access standard: If a Connection Applicant requires that its market network service facility be automatically disconnected from the power system in response to abnormal conditions arising from the power system, the relevant protection system or control system must not disconnect the facility for conditions under which it must continuously operate or must withstand under a provision of the Rules.

(b) There is no automatic access standard for this technical requirement.

(c) For the purposes of this clause S5.3a.14, the abnormal conditions include:

1. frequency outside the extreme frequency excursion tolerance limits;
2. sustained and uncontrollable DC current beyond a short term current rating for the period assigned to that rating;
3. DC voltage above the voltage maximum rating or sustained below any lower limit for stable operation;
4. voltage to frequency ratio beyond a transformer magnetic flux based voltage to frequency rating;
5. sustained voltage fluctuations at the connection point beyond the level determined under clause S5.1.5(a);
6. sustained harmonic voltage distortion at the connection point beyond the level determined under clause S5.1.6(a);
7. sustained negative phase sequence voltage at the connection point beyond the level determined under clause S5.1.7(a); and
8. any similar condition agreed between the Market Network Service Provider and AEMO after consultation with each relevant Network Service Provider.

(d) The negotiation of access standards in relation to this clause S5.3a.14 must involve AEMO under clause 5.3.4A(c) of the Rules. [Deleted]

(e) The Network Service Provider is not liable for any loss or damage incurred by the Market Network Service Provider or any other person as a consequence of a fault on either the power system, or within the Market Network Service Provider’s facility.
Schedule 5.5  Technical Details to Support Application for Connection and Connection Agreement

Schedule 5.5.4  Network Plant and Apparatus Setting Data

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The lowest short circuit ratio at the connection point for which the generating system, including its control systems: (i) will be commissioned to maintain stable operation; and (ii) has the design capability to maintain stable operation.

For the purposes of the above, “short circuit ratio” is the synchronous three phase fault level (expressed in MVA) at the connection point divided by the rated output of the generating system (expressed in MW or MVA).
10. Glossary

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AEMO advisory matter

A matter that relates to AEMO’s functions under the National Electricity Law and a matter in which AEMO has a role under clause 5.3.4B or in schedules 5.1a, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3 and 5.3a. Advice on the acceptability of negotiated access standards under the following clauses are deemed to be AEMO advisory matters: S5.1.9, S5.2.5.1, S5.2.5.3 to S5.2.5.5, S5.2.5.7 to S5.2.5.14, S5.2.6.1, S5.2.6.2, S5.3a.4.1 and S5.3a.14.

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continuous uninterrupted operation

In respect of a generating system or operating generating unit operating immediately prior to a power system disturbance:

(a) not disconnecting from the power system except under its performance standards established under clauses S5.2.5.8 and S5.2.5.9; and,

(b) during the disturbance contributing active and reactive current as required by its performance standards established under clause S5.2.5.5;

(c) after clearance of any electrical fault that caused the disturbance, only substantially varying its active power and reactive power as required or permitted by its performance standards established under clauses S5.2.5.5, S5.2.5.11, S5.2.5.13 and S5.2.5.14; and,

(d) not exacerbat ing or prolonging the disturbance or caus ing a subsequent disturbance for other connected plant, except as required or permitted by its performance standards,

with all essential auxiliary and reactive plant remaining in service, and responding so as to not exacerbate or prolong the disturbance or cause a subsequent disturbance for other connected plant.

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rise time

In relation to a control system, the time taken for an output quantity to rise from 10% to 90% of the maximum change induced in that quantity by a step change of an input quantity.
settling time

In relation to a control system, the time measured from initiation of a step change in an input quantity to the time when the magnitude of error between the output quantity and its final settling value remains less than 10% of:

(1) if the sustained change in the quantity is less than half of the maximum change in that output quantity, the maximum change induced in that output quantity; or

(2) the sustained change induced in that output quantity.
11. Savings and Transitional Rules

Part ZZZK  Generator technical performance standards

11.109 Rules consequential on the making of the National Electricity Amendment (Generator technical performance standards) Rule 2018

11.109.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this rule 11.109:

Agreed Access Standard means an access standard assessed in accordance with the former Chapter 5 that has been agreed by the Network Service Provider and is capable of forming part of the terms and conditions of a connection agreement as the performance standard applicable to the plant for the relevant technical requirement.

Amending Rule means the National Electricity Amendment (Generator technical performance standards) Rule 2018 No. 10.

commencement date means the date of commencement of the Amending Rule.

Conditional Access Standard has the meaning given in clause 11.109.3(e)(1)(ii).

Existing Application To Connect has the meaning given in clause 11.109.3(a)(1).

Existing Connection Enquiry has the meaning given in clause 11.109.2(a)(1).

Existing Connection Agreement means a connection agreement entered into before the commencement date.

former Chapter 5 means Chapter 5 of the Rules as in force immediately prior to the commencement date.

new Chapter 5 means Chapter 5 of the Rules as it will be in force on and from the commencement date, as amended from time to time.

transitional date means 1 February 2019.

11.109.2 Application of the Amending Rule to existing connection enquiries

(a) This clause 11.109.2 applies where, before the commencement date, a Connection Applicant has, in respect of plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect:

(1) made a connection enquiry in accordance with clause 5.3.2 (Existing Connection Enquiry); and
(2) not made an application to connect to a Network Service Provider under clause 5.3.4.

(b) On and from the commencement date:

(1) the new Chapter 5 applies for the purposes of determining the access standards that apply to the plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect;

(2) the Existing Connection Enquiry will be taken to be a valid connection enquiry under the new Chapter 5 with respect to the proposed plant; and

(3) the Network Service Provider must:

(i) within 10 business days after the commencement date, use its reasonable endeavours to provide written notification to a Connection Applicant to which this clause 11.109.2 applies that the Existing Connection Enquiry will be treated as a connection enquiry under the new Chapter 5; and

(ii) within 20 business days after providing the written notification in subparagraph (3)(i), in consultation with AEMO and where necessary, provide each Connection Applicant notified under subparagraph (3)(i) with:

(A) any further information required under clause 5.3.3 of the new Chapter 5 relevant to the proposed plant; and

(B) written notice of any further information or data to be provided by the Connection Applicant to the Network Service Provider, to enable the Connection Applicant to submit an application to connect in accordance with the new Chapter 5 with respect to the proposed plant.

(c) Where the Network Service Provider has charged the Connection Applicant any fees or charges with respect to the Existing Connection Enquiry, the Network Service Provider must not charge the Connection Applicant any additional fees or charges on or from the commencement date with respect to such Existing Connection Enquiry, except to the extent necessary to cover the reasonable costs of work required to notify the Connection Applicant and provide any relevant information under subparagraph (3)(ii). For the avoidance of doubt, this clause 11.109.2(c) does not preclude a Network Service Provider recovering an application fee from the Connection Applicant under clause 5.3.4(b).

11.109.3 Application of the Amending Rule to existing applications to connect

(a) This clause 11.109.3 applies where, before the commencement date, a Connection Applicant has, in respect of plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect:

(1) made an application to connect to a Network Service Provider in accordance with clause 5.3.4 (Existing Application To Connect); and
not received an offer to connect from the relevant Network Service Provider in respect of the Existing Application To Connect.

(b) Subject to paragraph (e), on and from the commencement date:

(1) the new Chapter 5 applies for the purposes of determining the access standards that apply to the plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect;

(2) the Existing Application To Connect will be taken to be a valid application to connect under the new Chapter 5 with respect to the proposed plant; and

(3) the Network Service Provider must:

(i) within 10 business days after the commencement date, use its reasonable endeavours to provide written notification to a Connection Applicant to which this clause 11.109.3 applies that the Existing Application To Connect will be treated as an application to connect under the new Chapter 5; and

(ii) within 20 business days after providing the written notification in subparagraph (3)(i), in consultation with AEMO and where necessary, provide each Connection Applicant notified under subparagraph (3)(i) (with a copy to be provided to AEMO) with:

(A) any further information required under clause 5.3.3 of the new Chapter 5 relevant to the proposed plant, including for each technical requirement, written details of the automatic access standards, minimum access standards and negotiated access standards that are AEMO advisory matters; and

(B) written notice of any further information to be provided by the Connection Applicant (which may include information required to be provided under clauses 5.2.5(d) and (e) and Schedule 5.5), necessary for the Network Service Provider to prepare an offer to connect in accordance with the new Chapter 5 with respect to the proposed plant.

(c) Where the Network Service Provider has charged the Connection Applicant any fees or charges with respect to the Existing Application To Connect, the Network Service Provider must not charge the Connection Applicant any additional fees or charges on or from the commencement date with respect to such Existing Application To Connect, except to the extent necessary to cover the reasonable costs of work required for the Network Service Provider to prepare an offer to connect in accordance with the new Chapter 5, including the requirements to notify the Connection Applicant and provide any relevant information under subparagraph (b)(3).

(d) A Network Service Provider to which this clause applies may extend the time period referred to in clause 5.3.6(a) to reasonably allow for any additional time taken in excess of the period allowed in the preliminary program that is necessary to take account of
the differences in access standards between the former Chapter 5 and the new Chapter 5.

(e) Despite the application of paragraph (b), a Connection Applicant may, until the transitional date, continue to negotiate access standards in accordance with the former Chapter 5. Where, subject to paragraph (f), on or before the transitional date, all access standards relevant to the plant are Agreed Access Standards in the reasonable opinion of the Network Service Provider and AEMO, then the Network Service Provider must:

(1) within 10 business days from receipt of a written request by the Connection Applicant, provide written confirmation to the Connection Applicant:

(i) that all access standards relevant to the plant are Agreed Access Standards; and

(ii) identifying any access standards that are agreed subject to certain conditions being satisfied, including where relevant, the date for satisfaction of those conditions (Conditional Access Standard); and

(2) otherwise, use its reasonable endeavours to provide, within 10 business days after the transitional date, the written confirmation at subparagraphs (e)(1)(i) and (e)(1)(ii) to the relevant Connection Applicant.

(f) Where:

(1) the Network Service Provider has provided written confirmation under paragraph (e)(1) or (e)(2); and

(2) a condition under the Conditional Access Standards was not satisfied, then on and from the date on which such condition was not satisfied:

(3) the relevant Conditional Access Standards will be taken to have not been agreed for the purposes of paragraph (e);

(4) the new Chapter 5 applies for the purposes of determining all access standards that apply to the plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect;

(5) the Existing Application To Connect will be taken to be a valid application to connect under the new Chapter 5 with respect to the proposed plant;

(6) the Network Service Provider must, in consultation with AEMO, within a further 10 business days from the date on which the condition was not satisfied:

(i) notify the Connection Applicant that the relevant Conditional Access Standards are no longer Agreed Access Standards and that the Existing Application To Connect will be treated as an application to connect under the new Chapter 5; and
(ii) provide the Connection Applicant notified under subparagraph (i) with the further information and notice specified in subparagraph (b)(3)(ii); and

(7) the Network Service Provider must comply with the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (d).

(g) Notwithstanding this clause 11.109.3, and subject to paragraph (f), if the Network Service Provider provides written confirmation to a Connection Applicant under subparagraphs (e)(1) or (e)(2) (as applicable), the former Chapter 5 applies for the purposes of determining the access standards that apply to the plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect under that Existing Application To Connect.

11.109.4 Application of the Amending Rule to existing offers to connect

(a) This clause 11.109.4 applies where, before the commencement date, a Connection Applicant:

(1) has received a valid offer to connect from the relevant Network Service Provider in respect of an application to connect; and

(2) has not entered into a connection agreement with the relevant Network Service Provider in respect of that application to connect.

(b) On and from the commencement date, the former Chapter 5 applies for the purposes of determining the access standards that apply to the plant that the Connection Applicant proposes to connect under that offer to connect.

11.109.5 Application of the Amending Rule to Existing Connection Agreements

(a) The Amending Rule is neither intended to, nor to be read or construed as having, the effect of:

(1) altering the terms of an Existing Connection Agreement;

(2) altering the contractual rights or obligations of any of the parties under an Existing Connection Agreement; or

(3) relieving the parties under any such Existing Connection Agreement of their contractual obligations under such an agreement.

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), if, after the commencement date, a Generator who has entered into an Existing Connection Agreement is required, in accordance with the Rules, to amend any of the performance standards set out in that Existing Connection Agreement, then the new Chapter 5 applies for the purposes of amending such performance standards.

(c) The former Chapter 5 applies to a Generator who, as at the commencement date, has proposed to alter its generating system and has advised AEMO in accordance with clause 5.3.9, unless:
(1) *AEMO, the Generator and the relevant Network Service Provider agree otherwise; or*

(2) *in *AEMO’s* reasonable opinion (in respect of an *AEMO advisory matter*), there will be an adverse impact on *power system security* as a result of the application of former Chapter 5.

(d) *The Amending Rule is neither intended to have, nor is it to be read or construed as having, the effect of changing the application of clause 11.6.11 (if applicable) in relation to *connection services* provided under an Existing Connection Agreement.*